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OF THE

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AND OF

THE SACRED HEART OF JESUS.

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RULES OF THE SODALITY

OF THE

BLESSED VIRGIN MARY.

1. The object of the members of the Sodality is to advance in virtue and piety by means of prayer, instruction, frequenting the Sacraments, and earnestly seeking to perform every Christian duty.

The Sodality is under the patronage of the Blessed Virgin Mary, whom the members honor by singing her praises and invoking her prayers, and by imitating her admirable virtues.

2. The Sodality is governed by a Council consisting of the Rev. Father Director, a Prefect, two Assistants, a Secretary, and as many consultors or heads of divisions as may be required by the number of the Sodalists.

3. The Council is chosen annually, as follows: Three names are presented by the Council for the votes of the members. Each member casts

a vote for any one of these names. The person having the highest number of votes is Prefect, the next in order, First Assistant, and the last, Second Assistant. The other officers are appointed by the Council.

4. Postulants are placed on probation for at least one month, when, with the advice of their Father Confessor, and the consent of the Father Director, they may be received as members.

5. Every day the Sodalists make an examination of conscience, recite morning and evening prayers, and try to practise the Christian virtues demanded by the duties of their state in life.

6. Once a week they assemble to recite in common the Little Office of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

7. Once a month they make their confession and approach Holy Communion in a body, and wearing the badge of the Sodality.

8. Absentees from the weekly meetings or the monthly Communion give their excuse to their division officer as soon as convenient.

9. The officers visit the sick members, and secure for them the prayers of the Sodality and the Holy Sacraments of the Church.

10. In case of death the OFFICE FOR THE DEAD is recited, the Psalm *De Profundis* ("Out of the

Depths," page 31) is said for eight days, and Masses attended or offered up for the repose of the soul of the deceased member. If convenient, the Sodalists attend the funeral in a body.

11. Sodalists who are faithful to their obligations carefully avoid evil company, all dangerous occasions of sin, and especially every thought, word, or action contrary to holy purity.

12. These rules are to be read once a month.

PRAYER BEFORE THE OFFICE.

OPEN, O Lord, our lips to bless Thy Holy Name; cleanse our hearts from all evil, vain, and distracting thoughts; enlighten our minds and inflame our will, that we may worthily, attentively, and piously recite this Office, and deserve to be heard in presence of Thy Divine Majesty, through Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

VESPERS AND COMPLINE

OF THE

LITTLE OFFICE

OF THE

BLESSED VIRGIN MARY.

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VESPERS.

Hail Mary, etc.

O God, come to my assistance.

O Lord, make haste to help me.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost.

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. *Amen.*

Allelulia. *Or:* Praise be to thee, O Lord, King of eternal glory.

Antiphon. While the king.

PSALM CIX.

THE Lord said to my Lord: Sit thou at my right hand:

Until I make thy enemies thy footstool.

The Lord will send forth the sceptre of thy power out of Sion: rule thou in the midst of thy enemies.

With thee is the principality in the day of thy strength; in the brightness of the saints; from the womb before the day-star I begot thee.

The Lord hath sworn, and he will not repent: Thou art a priest forever according to the order of Melchisedech.

The Lord at thy right hand hath broken kings in the day of his wrath.

He shall judge among nations, he shall fill ruins: he shall crush the heads in the land of many.

He shall drink of the torrent in the way, therefore shall he lift up his head.

Glory be to the Father, etc.

Ant. While the king was at his repose, my spikenard sent forth its odor.

Ant. His left hand.

Psalm cxii.

Praise the Lord, ye children: praise ye the name of the Lord.

Blessed be the name of the Lord from henceforth, now and forever.

From the rising of the sun unto the going down of the same, the name of the Lord is worthy of praise.

The Lord is high above all nations: and his glory above the heavens.

Who is as the Lord our God, who dwelleth on high: and looketh down on the low things in heaven and on earth?

Raising up the needy from the earth, and lifting up the poor from the dunghill:

That he may place him with princes, with the princes of his people.

Who maketh the barren woman to dwell in a house, the joyful mother of children.

Glory be to the Father, etc.

Ant. His left hand is under my head, and his right hand shall embrace me.

Ant. I am black but beautiful.

Psalm cxxi.

I rejoiced at the things that were said to me: we shall go into the house of the Lord.

Our feet were standing in thy courts, O Jerusalem.

Jerusalem, which is built as a city, which is compact together.

For thither did the tribes go up, the tribes of the Lord; the testimony of Israel, to praise the name of the Lord.

Because there seats have sat in judgment, seats upon the house of David.

Pray ye for the things that are for the peace of Jerusalem: and abundance for them that love thee.

Let peace be in thy strength: and abundance in thy towers.

For the sake of my brethren and of my neighbors, I spoke peace of thee.

Because of the house of the Lord our God, I have sought good things for thee.

Glory be to the Father, etc.

Ant. I am black but beautiful, O ye daughters of Jerusalem! therefore the king hath loved me, and brought me into his house.

Ant. Winter is now past.

Psalm cxxvi.

Unless the Lord build the house, they labor in vain that build it.

Unless the Lord keep the city, he watcheth in vain that keepeth it.

It is vain for you to rise before light: rise ye after you have sitten, you that eat the bread of sorrow.

When he shall give sleep to his beloved: be-

hold, the inheritance of the Lord are children: the reward, the fruit of the womb.

As arrows in the hand of the mighty, so the children of them that have been shaken.

Blessed is the man that hath filled his desire with them; he shall not be confounded when he shall speak to his enemies in the gate.

Glory be to the Father, etc.

Ant. Winter is now past, the rain is over and gone; arise, my love, and come.

Ant. Thou art beautiful.

Psalm cxlvii.

Praise the Lord, O Jerusalem: praise thy God, O Sion.

Because he hath strengthened the bolts of thy gates, he hath blessed thy children within thee.

Who hath placed peace in thy borders; and filleth thee with the fat of corn.

Who sendeth forth his speech to the earth his word runneth swiftly.

Who giveth snow like wool: scattereth mists like ashes.

He sendeth his crystal like morsels: who shall stand before the face of his cold?

He shall send out his word, and shall melt

them: his wind shall blow, and the waters shall run.

Who declareth his word to Jacob: his justices and his judgments to Israel.

He hath not done in like manner to every nation: and his judgments he hath not made manifest to them. Alleluia.

Glory be to the Father, etc.

Ant. Thou art beautiful and sweet in thy delights, O holy Mother of God!

CHAPTER. — ECCL. XXIV.

FROM the beginning, and before the world, was I created, and unto the world to come I shall not cease to be, and in the holy dwelling-place I have ministered before thee.

Thanks be to God.

HYMN.

GENTLE Star of ocean!
Portal of the sky!
Ever Virgin Mother
Of the Lord Most High!
Oh! by Gabriel's Ave,
Utter'd long ago,
Eva's name reversing,
'Stab..sh peace below.

Break the captive's fetters ;
Light on blindness pour !
All our ills expelling,
Every bliss implore.
Show thyself a Mother ;
Offer him our sighs,
Who for us incarnate
Did not thee despise.
Virgin of all virgins !
To thy shelter take us ;
Gentlest of the gentle !
Chaste and gentle make us.
Still as on we journey,
Help our weak endeavor ;
Till with thee and Jesus
We rejoice forever.
Through the highest heaven,
To the Almighty Three,
Father, Son, and Spirit,
One same glory be.

Grace is poured abroad in thy lips.
Therefore hath God blessed thee forever.
Ant. O blessed Mother.

CANTICLE OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN. — LUKE I.

My soul doth magnify the Lord :
And my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Saviour.

Because he hath regarded the humility of his handmaid: for behold from henceforth all generations shall call me blessed.

Because he that is mighty hath done great things to me: and holy is his name.

And his mercy is from generation unto generations, to them that fear him.

He hath showed might in his arm; he hath scattered the proud in the conceit of their heart.

He hath put down the mighty from their seat, and hath exalted the humble.

He hath filled the hungry with good things, and the rich he hath sent empty away.

He hath received Israel his servant, being mindful of his mercy.

As he spoke to our fathers, to Abraham and to his seed forever.

Glory be to the Father, etc.

Ant. O blessed mother, and ever virgin, glorious queen of the world, make intercession for us to our Lord.

Lord, hear my prayer.

And let my cry come to thee.

LET US PRAY.

LORD GOD! we beseech thee, grant that we thy servants may enjoy perpetual health of mind

and body; and that, by the glorious intercession of the ever blessed Virgin Mary, we may pass from this present sorrow to the enjoyment of everlasting gladness. Through our Lord, etc. *Amen.*

Commemoration of the Saints.

Ant. All ye Saints of God vouchsafe to make intercession for our salvation, and that of all.

Be glad in the Lord, and rejoice ye just.

And glory all ye right of heart.

Let us Pray.

Protect, O Lord, thy people, and let the confidence we have in the intercession of thy blessed apostles Peter and Paul, and of thy other apostles, prevail with thee to preserve and defend us forever. May all thy Saints, O Lord, we beseech thee, everywhere assist us, that whilst we celebrate their merits, we may be sensible of their protection. Grant us thy peace in our times, and repel all wickedness from thy Church; prosperously guide the steps, actions and desires of us and all thy servants in the way of salvation; give eternal blessings to those who have done good to us, and everlasting rest to the faithful

departed; through the Lord Jesus Christ, thy Son. *Amen.*

Lord, hear my prayer.

And let my cry come to Thee.

Let us bless the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

May the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. *Amen.*

COMPLINE.

Hail Mary.

Convert us, O God, our Saviour.
And turn off thy anger from us.
O God, come to my assistance.
O Lord, make haste to help me.
Glory be to the Father, etc.

Psalm cxxviii.

Often have they fought against me from my youth: let Israel now say.

Often have they fought against me from my youth: but they could not prevail over me.

The wicked have wrought upon my back: they have lengthened their iniquity.

The Lord who is just will cut the necks of sinners: let them all be confounded and turned back that hate Sion.

Let them be as grass upon the tops of houses; which withereth before it be plucked up.

Wherewith the mower filleth not his hand; nor he that gathereth sheaves, his bosom.

And they that passed by have not said: The blessing of the Lord be upon you: we have blessed you in the name of the Lord.

Glory be to the Father, etc.

Psalm cxxix.

Out of the depths I have cried to thee, O Lord: Lord, hear my voice.

Let thy ears be attentive to the voice of my supplication.

If thou, O Lord, wilt mark iniquities, Lord, who shall stand it?

For with thee there is merciful forgiveness; and by reason of thy law I have waited for thee, O Lord.

My soul hath relied on his word; my soul hath hoped in the Lord.

From the morning watch even until night, let Israel hope in the Lord.

Because with the Lord there is mercy; and with him plentiful redemption.

And he shall redeem Israel from all his iniquities.

Glory be to the Father, etc.

Psalm cxxx.

Lord, my heart is not exalted: nor are my eyes lofty.

Neither have I walked in great matters, nor in wonderful things above me.

If I was not humble minded, but exalted my soul:

As a child that is weaned is towards his mother, so reward in my soul.

Let Israel hope in the Lord, from henceforth now and forever.

Glory be to the Father, etc.

Hymn.

Remember, O Creator Lord!
That in the Virgin's sacred womb
Thou wast conceived, and of her flesh
Didst our mortality assume.
Mother of grace, O Mary blest!
To thee, sweet fount of love, we fly;
Shield us through life, and take us hence,
To thy dear bosom when we die.
O Jesu! born of Virgin bright,
Immortal glory be to thee;
Praise to the Father Infinite,
And Holy Ghost eternally.

CHAPTER. — ECCLES. XXIV.

I AM the Mother of fair love, and of fear, and of knowledge, and of holy hope.

Thanks be to God.

Pray for us, Mother of God.

That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

Ant. Under thy protection.

CANTICLE OF SIMEON. — LUKE II.

Now thou dost dismiss thy servant, O Lord, according to thy word, in peace.

Because my eyes have seen thy salvation.

Which thou hast prepared before the face of all people:

A light to the revelation of the gentiles, and the glory of thy people Israel.

Glory be to the Father, etc.

Ant. Under thy protection we take our refuge, O holy Mother of God! despise not our petitions in our necessities, but ever deliver us from all dangers, O glorious and blessed Virgin!

Lord have mercy on us. Christ have mercy on us. Lord have mercy on us.

Lord, hear my prayer.

And let my cry come to thee.

LET US PRAY.

WE beseech thee, O Lord, that the glorious intercession of the ever blessed and glorious Virgin Mary may protect us, and bring us to life everlasting, through our Lord Jesus Christ, thy Son, who, etc. *Amen.*

Lord, hear my prayer.

And let my cry come to thee.

Let us bless the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Blessing. May the Almighty and merciful Lord, Father, and Son, and Holy Ghost, bless and keep us. *Amen.*

ANTHEM FROM THE FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT TO THE PURIFICATION, INCLUSIVE.

MOTHER of Christ! hear thou thy people's cry,
Star of the Deep, and Portal of the Sky!
Mother of him who thee from nothing made,
Sinking we strive, and call to thee for aid;
O, by that joy which Gabriel brought to thee,
Thou Virgin first and last, let us thy mercy see.

IN ADVENT.

The Angel of the Lord declared unto Mary.

And she conceived of the Holy Ghost.

LET US PRAY.

POUR forth, we beseech thee, O Lord, thy grace into our hearts, that we, to whom the incarnation of Christ, thy Son, was made known by the message of an angel, may, by his passion and cross, be brought to the glory of his resurrection, through the same Christ, our Lord. *Amen.*

AFTER ADVENT.

After childbirth, O Virgin, thou didst remain inviolate.

Mother of God, make intercession for us.

LET US PRAY.

O GOD, who, by the fruitful virginity of the Blessed Virgin Mary, hast given to mankind the rewards of eternal salvation, grant, we beseech thee, that we may be sensible of the benefits of her intercession, by whom we have received the Author of Life, our Lord Jesus Christ, thy Son. *Amen.*

FROM THE PURIFICATION TILL EASTER.

HAIL, O Queen of heav'n enthroned!
Hail, by angels mistress own'd!
Root of Jesse! Gate of morn!
Whence the world's true light was born:

Glorious Virgin, joy to thee,
Loveliest whom in heaven they see.
Fairest thou where all are fair!
Plead with Christ our sins to spare.

Vouchsafe, O sacred Virgin, to accept my praises.

Give me power against thy enemies.

LET US PRAY.

GRANT us, O merciful God, strength against all our weakness, that we, who celebrate the memory of the holy Mother of God, may, by the help of her intercession, rise again from our iniquities, through the same Christ, our Lord. *Amen.*

FROM EASTER TO TRINITY EVE.

Joy to thee, O Queen of heaven! Alleluia.
He whom thou wast meet to bear; Alleluia.
As he promis'd, hath arisen; Alleluia.
Pour for us to him thy prayer; Alleluia.

Rejoice and be glad, O Virgin Mary! Alleluia.
Because our Lord is truly risen. Alleluia.

LET US PRAY.

O GOD, who, by the resurrection of thy Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, hast been pleased to fill

the world with joy, grant, we beseech thee, that by the Virgin Mary, his Mother, we may receive the joys of eternal life, through the same Christ, our Lord! *Amen.*

From Trinity Sunday to Advent.

Mother of mercy, hail, O gentle Queen!
Our life, our sweetness, and our hope, all hail!
Children of Eve,
To thee we cry from our sad banishment;
To thee we send our sighs,
Weeping and mourning in this tearful vale.
Come, then, our Advocate;
O, turn upon us those pitying eyes of thine:
And our long exile past,
Show us at last
Jesus, of thy pure womb the fruit divine,
O Virgin Mary, mother blest!
O sweetest, gentlest, holiest!

Pray for us, O holy Mother of God!

That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

Let us Pray.

Almighty and eternal God, who, by the co-operation of the Holy Ghost, didst prepare the body and soul of the glorious Virgin Mother, Mary, that she might become a worthy habita-

tion for thy Son, grant that, as with joy we celebrate her memory, so by her pious intercession we may be delivered from present evils and eternal death, through the same Christ, our Lord. *Amen.*

May the divine assistance always remain with us. *Amen.*

PRAYER AFTER THE RECITATION OF THE OFFICE.

To the most holy and undivided Trinity, to the humanity of our Lord Jesus Christ crucified, to the fruitful purity of the most blessed and glorious ever Virgin Mary, and to all the Saints, be everlasting praise, honor, virtue, and glory from every creature; and to us the remission of all our sins, forever and ever. *Amen.*

Blessed is the womb of the Virgin Mary that bore the Son of the eternal Father.

And blessed are the paps that gave suck to Christ the Lord.

Our Father. Hail Mary.

OFFICE FOR THE DEAD.

Recited Once a Month by the Sodalists.

VESPERS.

Ant. I will please.

Psalm cxiv.

I have loved, because the Lord will hear the voice of my prayer.

Because he hath inclined his ear unto me, and in my days I will call upon him.

The sorrows of death have compassed me, and the perils of hell have found me.

I met with trouble and sorrow, and I called upon the name of the Lord.

O Lord deliver my soul: the Lord is merciful and just, and our God showeth mercy.

The Lord is the keeper of little ones: I was humbled, and he delivered me.

Turn, O my soul, into thy rest: for the Lord hath been bountiful to thee.

For he hath delivered my soul from death: my eyes from tears, my feet from falling.

I will please the Lord in the land of the living.

Eternal rest grant to them, O Lord.

And let perpetual light shine upon them.

Ant. I will please the Lord in the land of the living.

Ant. Woe is me, O Lord.

Psalm cxix.

In my trouble, I cried to the Lord, and he heard me.

O Lord, deliver my soul from wicked lips, and a deceitful tongue.

What shall be given to thee, or what shall be added to thee, to a deceitful tongue?

The sharp arrows of the mighty, with coals that lay waste.

Woe is me, that my sojourning is prolonged; I have dwelt with the inhabitants of Cedar; my soul hath been long a sojourner.

With them that hated peace I was peaceable; when I spoke to them they fought against me without cause.

Eternal rest, etc.

Ant. Woe is me, O Lord, that my sojourning is prolonged.

Ant. The Lord keepeth thee.

Psalm cxx.

I have lifted up my eyes to the mountains, whence help shall come to me.

My help is from the Lord, who made heaven and earth.

May he not suffer thy foot to be moved; neither let him slumber that keepeth thee.

Behold, he shall neither slumber nor sleep that keepeth Israel.

The Lord is thy keeper: the Lord is thy protection upon thy right hand.

The sun shall not burn thee by day, nor the moon by night.

The Lord keepeth thee from all evil: may the Lord keep thy soul.

May the Lord keep thy coming in and thy going out, from henceforth now and forever.

Eternal rest, etc.

Ant. The Lord keepeth thee from all evil; may the Lord keep thy soul.

Ant. If thou, O Lord.

PSALM CXXIX. — *De Profundis.*

OUT of the depths I have cried to thee, O Lord: Lord, hear my voice.

Let thy ears be attentive to the voice of my supplication.

If thou, O Lord, wilt mark iniquities, Lord, who shall stand it?

For with thee there is merciful forgiveness; and by reason of thy law, I have waited for thee, O Lord.

My soul hath relied on his word: my soul hath hoped in the Lord.

From the morning watch even until night, let Israel hope in the Lord.

Because with the Lord there is mercy, and with him plentiful redemption.

And he shall redeem Israel from all his iniquities.

Eternal rest, etc.

Ant. If thou, O Lord, wilt mark iniquities, Lord, who shall stand it?

Ant. Despise not, O Lord.

Psalm cxxxvii.

I will praise thee, O Lord, with my whole heart: for thou hast heard the words of my mouth.

I will sing praise to thee in the sight of the angels: I will worship towards thy holy temple, and I will give glory to thy name.

For thy mercy and for thy truth: for thou hast magnified thy holy name above all.

In what day soever I shall call upon thee hear me: thou shalt multiply strength in my soul.

May all the kings of the earth give glory to thee: for they have heard all the words of thy mouth.

And let them sing in the ways of the Lord, for great is the glory of the Lord.

For the Lord is high, and looketh on the low: and the high he knoweth afar off.

If I shall walk in the midst of tribulation, thou wilt quicken me: and thou hast stretched forth thy hand against the wrath of my enemies: and thy right hand hath saved me.

The Lord will repay for me: thy mercy, O Lord, endureth forever: O despise not the works of thy hands.

Eternal rest, etc.

Ant. Despise not, O Lord, the works of thy hands.

I heard a voice from heaven saying to me:

Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord.

Ant. All that the Father giveth me shall come to me; and him that cometh to me I will not cast out.

MAGNIFICAT, p. 15.

The following prayers are said kneeling, as also at Lauds:

Our Father, etc., *in silence.*

And lead us not into temptation.

But deliver us from evil.

PSALM CXLV.

PRAISE the Lord, O my soul: in my life I will praise the Lord: I will sing to my God as long as I shall be.

Put not your trust in princes, in the children of men, in whom there is no salvation.

His spirit shall go forth, and he shall return into his earth: in that day all their thoughts shall perish.

Blessed is he who hath the God of Jacob for

his helper, whose hope is in the Lord his God; who made heaven and earth, the sea, and all things that are in them.

Who keepeth truth forever; who executeth judgment for them that suffer wrong; who giveth food to the hungry.

The Lord looseth them that are fettered; the Lord enlighteneth the blind.

The Lord lifteth up them that are cast down: the Lord loveth the just.

The Lord keepeth the strangers: he will support the fatherless and the widow: and the ways of sinners he will destroy.

The Lord shall reign forever: thy God, O Sion, unto generation and generation.

Eternal rest, etc.

From the gate of hell

Deliver their souls, O Lord.

May they rest in peace.

Amen.

Lord, hear my prayer.

And let my cry come to thee.

The Lord be with you.

And with thy spirit.

PRAYER SAID AFTER THE DECEASE OF A SODALIST.

ABSOLVE, we beseech thee, O Lord, the soul of thy servant N., that, being dead to the world, he (*or* she) may live to thee; and whatever he (*or* she) has committed through human frailty, do thou wipe away by the pardon of thy most merciful goodness: through our Lord Jesus Christ thy Son, who livest and reignest with thee in the unity of the Holy Ghost, God, world without end. *Amen.*

FOR ALL THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED.

O GOD, the Creator and Redeemer of all the faithful, grant to the souls of thy servants departed the remission of all their sins; that, through pious supplications, they may obtain the pardon which they have always desired: who livest and reignest with God the Father, in the unity of the Holy Ghost, one God, world without end.

Amen.

Eternal rest grant to them, O Lord.

And let perpetual light shine upon them.

May they rest in peace.

Amen.

OFFICE OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION.

AT MATINS.

O COME, my lips, and wide proclaim
The Blessed Virgin's spotless fame!

O LADY, make speed to befriend me.
From the hands of the foe to defend me.
Glory be to the Father, etc.
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. *Amen.*

From Septuagesima to Easter, instead of Alleluia, *is said:* Praise be to thee, O Lord, King of everlasting glory.

HYMN.

HAIL, Queen of the Heavens!
Hail, Mistress of earth!
Hail, Virgin most pure,
Of immaculate birth!

Clear star of the morning,
In beauty enshrined;
O Lady, make speed
To the help of mankind.

The God in the depth
Of eternity chose,
And formed thee all fair
As His glorious spouse ;

And called thee the Mother
Of His word to be,
By whom He created
The earth, sky, and sea. *Amen.*

God elected her and preëlected her.
He made her dwell in his tabernacle.
O Lady, hear my prayer.
And let my cry come unto thee.
Let us bless the Lord.

LET US PRAY.

HOLY MARY, Queen of Heaven, Mother of our Lord Jesus Christ, and Mistress of the world, who forsakest no one, and despisest no one, look upon me, O Lady, with an eye of pity, and entreat for me, of thy beloved Son, the forgiveness of all my sins ; that, as I now celebrate with devout affection thy holy and Immaculate Conception, so, hereafter, I may receive the prize of eternal blessedness, by the grace of Him whom thou, in virginity, didst bring forth, Jesus Christ our Lord, who, with the Father and the Holy

Ghost, liveth and reigneth in perfect Trinity, God, world without end. *Amen.*

O Lady, hear my prayer.

And let my cry come unto thee.

Let us bless the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

May the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. *Amen.*

AT PRIME.

O Lady, make speed to befriend me.
From the hands of the foe to defend me.
Glory be to the Father, etc. *Alleluia.*

HYMN.

Hail, Virgin most wise!
Hail Deity's shrine!
With seven fair pillars,
And table divine!

Preserved from the guilt
Which hath come on us all;
Exempt, in the womb,
From the taint of the fall!

O new star of Jacob!
Of Angels the Queen!
O gate of the Saints!
O Mother of men!

O terrible as
The embattled array!
Be thou of the faithful
The refuge and stay.

The Lord himself created her in the Holy Ghost.

And poured her out among all his works.

O Lady, hear, etc. (*with the prayer and versicles, as at* p. 38.)

AT TIERCE.

O Lady, make speed to befriend me.
From the hands of the foe to defend me.
Glory be to the Father, etc. *Alleluia.*

HYMN.

Hail, Solomon's throne!
Pure ark of the law!
Fair rainbow and bush
Which the Patriarch saw!

Hail, Gideon's fleece!
Hail, blossoming rod!
Samson's sweet honeycomb,—
Portal of God!

Well fitting it was
That a Son so divine
Should preserve from all touch
Of original sin ;

Nor suffer by smallest
Defect to be stained,
That Mother whom He
For himself had ordained.

I will dwell on high.
And my throne is on the pillar of the clouds.
O Lady, hear, etc. (*with the prayer and versicles, as at* p. 38.)

AT SEXT.

O Lady, make speed to befriend me.
From the hands of the foe to defend me.
Glory be to the Father, etc. *Alleluia.*

HYMN.

Hail, Virginal Mother !
Hail, purity's cell !
Fair shrine where the Trinity
Loveth to dwell.

Hail, garden of pleasure !
Celestial balm !
Cedar of chastity !
Martyrdom's palm !

Thou land set apart
From uses profane,
And free from the curse
Which in Adam began !

Thou city of God !
Thou gate of th east !
In thee is all grace,
O joy of the blest !

As the lily among the thorns,
So is my beloved among the daughters of Adam.

O Lady, hear, etc. (*with the prayer and versicles, as at* p. 38.)

AT NONE.

O LADY, make speed to befriend me.
From the hands of the foe to defend me.
Glory be to the Father, etc.

HYMN.

HAIL, city of refuge !
Hail, David's high tower,
With battlements crowned,
And girded with power !

Filled at thy Conception
With love and with light !
The dragon by thee
Was shorn of his might !

O woman, most valiant!
O Judith, thrice blest!
As David was nursed
In fair Abishag's breast.

As the saviour of Egypt
On fair Rachel's knee,
So the world's great Redeemer
Was cherished by thee.

Thou art all fair, my beloved.
And the original stain was never in thee.
O Lady, hear, etc. (*with the prayer and versicles, as at* p. 38.)

AT VESPERS.

O LADY, make speed to befriend me.
From the hands of the foe to defend me.
Glory be to the Father, etc.

HYMN.

HAIL, dial of Achaz!
On thee the true sun
Told backward the course
Which from old he had run!

Thou wrapt in the blaze
Of his infinite light,
Dost shine as the morn
On the confines of night!

And that man might be raised,
Submitting to shame,
A little more low
Than the Angels became.

As the moon on the lost,
Through obscurity dawns :
The serpent's destroyer, —
A lily 'mid thorns !

I made an unfailing light to arise in heaven.
And as a mist I overspread the whole earth.
O Lady hear, etc. (*with the prayer and versicles, as at* p. 38.)

AT COMPLINE.

May Jesus Christ, thy Son, reconciled by thy prayers, O Lady, convert our hearts,
And turn away his anger from us.
O Lady, make speed to befriend me.
From the hands of the foe to defend me.
Glory be to the Father, etc.

HYMN

Hail, Mother most pure !
Hail, Virgin renowned !
Hail, Queen, with the stars
As a diadem crowned !

O mother of mercy !
O star of the wave !
O hope of the guilty !
O light of the grave !

Above all the angels
In glory untold.
Standing next to the King
In a vesture of gold !

Through thee may we come
To the haven of rest ;
And see heaven's King
In the courts of the blest !

Thy name, O Mary, is as flowing oil.
Thy servants have loved thee exceedingly.
O Lady, hear, etc. (*with the prayer and versicles, as at* p. 38.)

THE COMMENDATION.

These praises and prayers
I lay at thy feet ;
O Virgin of virgins !
O Mary most sweet !

Be thou my true guide
Through this pilgrimage here :
And stand by my side
When death draweth near

Prayer of St. Bernard.

Remember, O most pious Virgin Mary, that no one ever had recourse to thy protection, implored thy help, or sought thy mediation, without obtaining relief. Confiding, then, in thy goodness and mercy, I cast myself at thy sacred feet, and do most humbly supplicate thee, O Mother of the Eternal Word, to adopt me as thy child, and take upon thyself the care of my salvation. O let it not be said, my dearest Mother, that I have perished where no one ever found but grace and salvation. *Amen.*

APPENDIX

TO

THE LITTLE MANUAL.

LITANY OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN.

KYRIE eleison.	LORD, have mercy on us.
Christe eleison.	Christ, have mercy on us.
Kyrie eleison.	Lord, have mercy on us.
Christe, audi nos.	Christ, hear us.
Christe, exaudi nos.	Christ, graciously hear us.
Pater de cœlis Deus, miserere nobis.	God the Father of Heaven, have mercy on us.
Fili Redemptor Mundi Deus, miserere nobis.	God the Son, Redeemer of the world, have mercy on us.
Spiritus sancte Deus, miserere nobis.	God the Holy Ghost, have mercy on us.
Sancta Trinitas unus Deus, miserere nobis.	Holy Trinity one God, have mercy on us.
Sancta Maria, ora pro nobis.	Holy Mary, pray for us.
Sancta Dei Genetrix, ora pro nobis.	Holy Mother of God, pray for us.
Sancta Virgo virginum, ora pro nobis.	Holy Virgin of virgins, pray for us.
Mater Christi,	Mother of Christ,
Mater divinæ gratiæ,	Mother of divine grace,
Mater purissima,	Mother most pure,
Mater castissima,	Mother most chaste,
Mater intemerata,	Mother undefiled,
Mater inviolata,	Mother inviolate,
Mater amabilis,	Mother most amiable,
Mater admirabilis,	Mother most admirable,
Mater Creatoris,	Mother of our Creator,
Mater Salvatoris,	Mother of our Redeemer,
Ora pro nobis.	*Pray for us.*

Virgo prudentissima,	Virgin most prudent,
Virgo veneranda,	Virgin most venerable,
Virgo præædicandi,	Virgin most renowned,
Virgo potens,	Virgin most powerful,
Virgo clemens,	Virgin most merciful,
Virgo fidelis,	Virgin most faithful,
Speculum justitiæ,	Mirror of justice,
Sedes sapientiæ,	Seat of wisdom,
Causa nostræ lætitiæ,	Cause of our joy,
Vas spirituale,	Spiritual vessel,
Vas honorabile,	Vessel of honor,
Vas insigne devotionis,	Vessel of singular devotion,
Rosa mystica,	Mystical rose,
Turris Davidica,	Tower of David,
Turris eburnea,	Tower of Ivory,
Domus aurea,	House of gold,
Fœderis arca,	Ark of the Covenant,
Janua cœli,	Gate of heaven,
Stella matutina,	Morning Star,
Salus infirmorum.	Health of the weak,
Refugium peccatorum,	Refuge of sinners,
Consolatrix afflictorum,	Comforter of the afflicted,
Auxilium christianorum,	Help of Christians,
Regina angelorum,	Queen of angels,
Regina patriarcharum,	Queen of patriarchs,
Regina prophetarum,	Queen of prophets,
Regina apostolorum,	Queen of apostles,
Regina martyrum,	Queen of martyrs,
Regina confessorum,	Queen of confessors,
Regina virginum,	Queen of virgins,
Regina sanctorum omnium,	Queen of all saints,
Regina sine labe concepta,	Queen conceived without sin,

Ora pro nobis. — *Pray for us.*

Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi, parce nobis, Domine.	Lamb of God, who takest away the sins of the world. *Spare us, O Lord!*
Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi, exaudi nos, Domine.	Lamb of God, who takest away the sins of the world. *Graciously hear us, O Lord!*
Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi, miserere nobis.	Lamb of God, who takest away the sins of the world. *Have mercy on us.*
Christe, audi nos. Christe, exaudi nos.	Christ hear us. *Christ graciously hear us.*
Kyrie eleison.	Lord, have mercy on us.
Christe eleison.	Christ, have mercy on us.
Kyrie eleison.	Lord, have mercy on us.
Pater Noster (secreto).	Our Father (in secret).
Ora pro nobis, sancta Dei Genitrix.	Pray for us, O holy Mother of God.
Ut digni efficiamur promissionibus Christi.	That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

PRAYERS.

HAIL, holy Queen, Mother of mercy, our life, our sweetness, and our hope! To thee we cry, poor banished sons of Eve; to thee we send up our sighs, mourning and weeping in this vale of tears. Turn, then, most gracious Advocate, thy eyes of mercy towards us; and, after this our exile is ended, show unto us the blessed fruit of thy womb, Jesus. O clement, O pious, O sweet Virgin Mary!

Pray for us, O holy Mother of God.

That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

LET US PRAY.

ALMIGHTY and eternal God, who, by the co-operation of the Holy Ghost, didst prepare the body and soul of the glorious Virgin Mother, Mary, that she might become a worthy habitation for thy Son; grant that, as with joy we celebrate her memory, so by her pious intercession we may be delivered from present evils and eternal death, through the same Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

May the divine assistance always remain with us. *Amen.*

Prayer for the Faithful Departed.

Psalm cxxix.

Out of the depths I have cried to thee, O Lord: Lord, hear my voice.

Let thy ears be attentive to the voice of my supplication.

If thou, O Lord, wilt mark iniquities, Lord, who shall stand it?

For with thee there is merciful forgiveness; and by reason of thy law, I have waited for thee, O Lord.

My soul hath relied on his word; my soul hath hoped in the Lord.

From the morning watch even until night, let Israel hope in the Lord.

Because with the Lord there is mercy, and with him plentiful redemption.

And he shall redeem Israel from all her iniquities.

Eternal rest grant to them, O Lord.

And let perpetual light shine upon them.

May they rest in peace.

Amen.

Lord, hear my prayer.

And let my cry come to thee.

LET US PRAY.

O GOD, the Creator and Redeemer of all the faithful, grant to the souls of thy servants departed, the remission of all their sins; that, through pious supplications, they may obtain the pardon which they have always desired: who livest and reignest, world without end. *Amen.*

PRAYER SAID BEFORE A CRUCIFIX.

BEHOLD me, O good and amiable Jesus, prostrate in Thy Divine Presence, and beseeching Thee, with all the ardor of my soul, to impress upon my heart lively sentiments of faith, hope, and charity, and of repentance for my sins, and a most determined resolution of never offending Thee again; whilst, with all the affection of my heart, and with the sincerest sorrow, I consider and contemplate Thy five wounds, meditating chiefly on the words of the royal Prophet concerning Thee, O my Jesus! "They have dug my hands and feet; they have numbered all my bones."

Formula of Admission, approved by Pope Gregory VIII. in 1563.

Holy Mary, Immaculate Virgin, Mother of God, I, ———, choose thee this day for my Mother, Queen, Patroness, and Advocate, and I firmly resolve never to depart, either in word or action, from the duty which I owe to thee, nor to suffer those who are committed to my charge to say or do anything against thy honor, and the respect which thou deservest. Receive me, therefore, as thy devoted servant forever, assist me in all the actions of my life, and forsake me not at the hour of my death. *Amen.*

For Postulants.

Holy Mary, Immaculate Virgin, Mother of God, I, ———, anxious to become one of thy privileged children, resolve, on this day, with the divine assistance, and helped by thy powerful intercession, to amend my life and imitate thy virtues, so as to deserve to be received as a member of this holy Sodality, erected to thy honor, and to the greater glory of thy divine Son. *Amen.*

HYMNS.

SPIRIT, CREATOR.

Spirit, Creator of mankind!
Come, visit ev'ry pious mind,
And sweetly let thy grace invade
Our hearts, O Lord, which thou hast made

Thou art the Comforter, whom all
Gift of the highest God must call;
The living fountain, fire, and love,
The ghostly unction from above;

God's sacred finger, which imparts
A sevenfold grace to faithful hearts;
Thou art the Father's promise whence
We language have and eloquence.

Enlighten, Lord, our souls, and grant
That we thy love may never want;
Let not our virtue ever fail,
But strengthen what in flesh is frail.

Chase from our minds th' infernal foe,
And peace, the fruit of love, bestow;
And, lest our feet should step astray,
Protect and guide us in the way.

Make us eternal truths receive,
And practise all that we believe ;
Give us thyself, that we may see
The Father and the Son in thee ;

Immortal honor, endless fame,
Attend th' Almighty Father's name ;
To the Son equal praises be,
And holy Paraclete to thee. *Amen.*

TE DEUM LAUDAMUS.

Holy God, we praise thy name !
Lord of all, we bow before thee
All on earth thy sceptre claim,
All in heav'n above adore thee :
Infinite thy vast domain ;
Everlasting is thy reign !

Hark ! the loud celestial hymn
Angel choirs above are raising !
Cherubim and seraphim
In unceasing chorus praising,
Fill the heav'ns with sweet accord :
Holy ! Holy ! Holy Lord !

Lo ! the Apostolic train
Join thy sacred name to hallow !
Prophets swell the loud refrain,
And the white-rob'd martyrs follow ;
And from morn till set of sun
Through the Church the song goes on,

Holy Father, Holy Son,
Holy Spirit, — three we name thee,
While in essence, only One
Undivided God we claim thee,
And adoring bend the knee
While we own the mystery.

Thou art King of Glory, Christ!
Son of God, yet born of Mary;
For us sinners sacrificed,
And to death a Tributary:
First to break the bars of death,
Thou hast opened heav'n to faith.

PRAISE THE LORD.

Hymns of praise to thee we sing,
Great Jehovah, Israel's King;
All our hopes on thee we rest,
Lord of Hosts forever blest.

As the sun, with piercing ray,
Scatters night and heralds day,
So do thou our darkness light,
And for blindness give us sight.

Thine we are, and thine will be,
Now and through eternity;
Aid us, then, by heav'nly grace;
Give us strength to run our race.

CHRISTMAS HYMN.

With hearts truly grateful,
Come all ye faithful,
To Jesus, to Jesus, in Bethelehem.
See Christ, your Saviour,
Heaven's greatest Favor.
Let's hasten to adore Him !
Let's hasten to adore Him !
Let's hasten to adore Him,
Our God and King !

God to God equal ;
Light of light eternal ;
Carried in the Virgin's ever-spotless womb ;
He all proceded,
Begotten, not created.
Let's hasten, etc.

Angels now praise Him,
Loud their voices raising ;
The heavenly mansions with joy now ring ;
To Him who's most holy
Be honor, praise and glory !
Let's hasten, etc.

To Jesus, this day born,
Grateful homage return :
'Tis He who all heavenly gifts doth bring ;
Word increated,
To our flesh united.
Let's hasten, etc

ON THIS DAY, O BEAUTIFUL MOTHER.

On this day we ask to share,
Dearest Mother, thy sweet care;
Aid us ere our feet astray
Wander from thy guiding way.

Chorus.—On this day, O beautiful Mother!
On this day we give thee our love;
Near thee, Madonna, fondly we hover,
Trusting thy gentle care to prove.

Rose of Sharon, lovely flow'r,
Heav'nly Bud of Eden's bow'r,
Cherish'd Lily of the vale,
Virgin Mother, thee we hail!
On this day, etc.

Fast our days of life we run,
Soon the night of death will come;
Tow'r of strength in that dread hour,
Be to us thy gentle pow'r!
On this day, etc.

THE ORPHAN'S PRAYER.

Though no father's voice I hear,
Though no mother's form I see,
Yet, why therefore should I fear?
God will be a Friend to me!
Wherefore should I then despair?
God will hear the orphan's pray'r.

Though no soothing words of love
  Fall upon my list'ning ear,
Yet, I have a Friend above,
  Than all earthly friends more dear :
To that Friend I now repair ;
He will hear the orphan's pray'r.

God of love ! oh, deign to sm ile,
  From thy shining seat on high,
On a helpless orphan child !
  Chase the tear-drop from his eye.
May I in thy mercy share !
Hear, oh, hear the orphan's pray'r !

Make me, Lord, what I should be ;
  Let me on thy love depend ;
May I put my trust in thee ;
  Love and serve thee to the end :
And when earthly toils are o'er,
Live with thee forevermore.

AS PANTS THE HART.

As pants the hart for cooling springs,
  Among the rocks and barren sands,
So doth my soul, O King of kings,
  Long for refreshment at thy hands.

My soul, O God, doth thirst for thee,
For thee, the Source of every grace;
Oh, when shall I thy beauty see?
When shall I see thee face to face?

My tears have flowed by day and night,
When I have felt thy chastening rod;
But wicked men enjoyed the sight,
And, mocking, asked, Where's now thy God?

Where art thou, Lord, my Life, my All?
Thou art above, around, within!
Whate'er betides, on thee I call,
To save me and to pardon sin.

Joy, then, and endless jubilee!
Divine reward of faith and love;
I hear the strains of harmony
From the Triumphant Church above.

Trust, then, in Him; for He is good—
He gives what He alone can give—
He gives Himself to be thy Food,
That thou with Him mayst ever live.

AS THE DEWY SHADES.

As the dewy shades of even
Gather o'er the balmy air,
Listen, gentle Queen of heaven,
Listen to my vesper pray'r.

Holy Mother, near me hover!
Free my thoughts from aught defiled;
With thy wings of mercy cover, —
Keep from sin thy helpless child.

Thine own sinless heart was broken, —
Sorrow's sword had pierced its core;
Holy Mother! by that token,
Now thy pity I implore.

O SANCTISSIMA!

O most holy Virgin lowly,
Purest on the earth who trod,
Sweetest Mary, Sanctuary, —
Dwelling of the Most High God.

Chorus.—Loving Mother, undefiled,
Pray, oh, pray for each frail child!

Than snow whiter, than sun brighter,
Was thy glorious morn's first ray;
Fair and spotless, of ill thoughtless,
Wert thou till thy latest day.
Loving Mother, etc.

As the lily, blooming stilly
'Mid the dimmer thorns of earth,
Art thou, maiden, come to gladden
Daughters of a blighted birth.
Loving Mother, etc.

I'LL LOVE AND BLESS THY NAME.

I'LL sing a hymn to Mary,
The Mother of my God,
The Virgin of all virgins,
Of David's royal blood.
Oh, teach me, holy Mary,
A loving song to frame ;
When wicked men blaspheme thee,
To love and bless thy name.

CHORUS.—Mary, I'll esteem thee,
Tho' others mock thy fame ;
When wicked men blaspheme thee,
I'll love and bless thy name.

O Lily of the Valley !
O Mystic Rose ! what tree
Or flower, e'en the fairest,
Is half so fair as thee ?
Oh, let me, though so lowly,
Recite my Mother's fame ;
When wicked men blaspheme thee,
I'll love and bless thy name.
Mary, I'll esteem thee, etc.

O noble Tower of David,
Of gold and ivory,
The Ark of God's own Promise,
The Gate of Heav'n to me :

To live, and not to love thee,
Would fill my soul with shame ;
When wicked men blaspheme thee,
I'll love and bless thy name.
Mary, I'll esteem thee, etc.

When troubles dark afflict me,
In sorrow and in care,
Thy light doth ever guide me,
O beauteous Morning Star.
So I'll be ever ready
Thy goodly help to claim ;
When wicked men blaspheme thee,
I'll love and bless thy name.
Mary, I'll esteem thee, etc.

The saints are high in glory,
With golden crowns so bright ;
But brighter far is Mary
Upon her throne of light.
Oh, that which God did give thee,
Let mortal ne'er disclaim :
When wicked men blaspheme thee,
I'll love and bless thy name.
Mary, I'll esteem thee, etc.

But in the crown of Mary
There lies a wondrous gem,
As Queen of all the Angels,
Which Mary shares with them.

"No sin hath e'er defiled thee!"
So doth our faith proclaim:
When wicked men blaspheme thee,
I'll love and bless thy name.
Mary, I'll esteem thee, etc,

MY GUARDIAN ANGEL.

ANGEL mine and kind protector,
Guardian, guide, and wise director,
With thy shelt'ring wings surround me;
Save me from the snares around me.

CHORUS.—Angel-Guardian, sleeping never,
Help, oh, help my weak endeavor.

O'er my cradle watches keeping,
Thou didst watch me waking, sleeping;
Guard me now, that I am stronger,—
Guard me now, a babe no longer.
Angel-Guardian, etc.

Dangers thicken fast around me,
Foes in every form confound me;
Blessed Angel, go before me,
Quickly to my God restore me.
Angel-Guardian, etc.

Satan, jealous, stung with madness,
Strives to turn my joys to sadness ;
Bids me banish thought of Heaven,
Banish hope of sins forgiven.
Angel-Guardian, etc.

Angel, pledge of mercy mildest,
Angel, pledge of pardon kindest,
Having watch'd by Jesus' manger,
Keep, oh, keep me safe from danger.
Angel-Guardian, etc.

Come, sweet Angel, come and aid me,
Never more let sin degrade me ;
Then shall I, o'er death victorious,
Reign with Jesus, Great and Glorious.
Angel-Guardian, etc.

EVENING HYMN TO THE VIRGIN.

Ave Sanctissima,
We lift our souls to thee ;
Ora pro nobis !
'Tis nightfall on the sea.

Watch us while shadows lie
Far o'er the waters spread ;
Hear the heart's lonely sigh, —
Thine, too, hath bled !

Thou that hast look'd on death,
Aid us when Death is near!
Whisper of Heav'n to Faith,
Sweet Mother, sweet Mother, hear.

Ora pro nobis,
The wave must rock our sleep;
Ora, Mater, ora,
Star of the deep.

THE ASSUMPTION.

Sing, sing, ye angel bands,
All beautiful and bright,
For soaring up on high,
Thro' spacious fields of light,
Mary, your Queen, ascends,
Like silvery moon at night.

A fairer flow'r than she
On earth hath never been;
And, save the throne of God,
Your heav'ns have never seen
A wonder half so bright
As your ascending Queen.

O happy angels, look!
How beautiful she is!
See! Jesus bears her up;
Her hand is lock'd in his;
Oh, who can tell the height
Of that fair Mother's bliss?

MAGNIFICAT.

Magnificat * anima mea Dominum.

Et exultavit spiritus meus * in Deo salutari meo.

Quia respexit humilitatem ancillæ suæ: * ecce enim ex hoc beatam me dicent omnes generationes.

Quia fecit mihi magna qui potens est; * sanctum nomen ejus.

Et misericordia ejus a progenie in progenies * timentibus eum.

Fecit potentiam in brachio suo: * dispersit superbos mente cordis sui.

Deposuit potentes de sede, * et exultavit humiles.

Esurientes implevit bonis: * divites dimisit inanes.

Suscepit Israel puerum suum, * recordatus misericordiæ suæ.

Sicut locutus est ad Patres nostros, * Abraham et semini ejus in sæcula.

Gloria Patri, etc.

INDULGENCES

Granted by the Sovereign Pontiffs to the Primary Congregation, established in the Roman College of the Society of Jesus, under the title of The Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin Mary, *and to the other Congregations established, or to be established, provided they be aggregated to the Primary Congregation aforesaid.*

A Plenary Indulgence to all the faithful who, having received the Sacraments of Penance and the Holy Eucharist, shall visit the church of any Sodality on the festivals of the Sodality or of its Patrons.

PLENARY INDULGENCES

GRANTED ONLY TO THE SODALISTS.

1. On the day of reception.

2. On the festivals of the Nativity and Ascension of our Lord, and of the Annunciation, Assumption, Conception, and Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

3. Once a week, on the appointed day of meeting, provided the Sodalists receive the Sacraments of Penance and the Holy Eucharist, and visit the church, chapel, oratory, or other place of meeting of any Sodality, and there pray with the usual intentions of the Sovereign Pontiff. Should there be several meetings in a week, the day for gaining the indulgence is left to the choice of the Sodalists.

4. When a Sodality meets in the afternoon, or at night, the Plenary Indulgence may be gained on the day of meeting or on the day following.

5. The Plenary Indulgence, granted once a week, may be gained twice a year by the Sodalists, even without visiting the place of meeting of the Sodality, provided they visit another church, and there communicate, after having made a general confession, or a review from the time of their last general confession.

All the preceding indulgences require the usual conditions prescribed by the Sovereign Pontiff.

6. At the hour of death.

An Indulgence of seven years may be gained by the Sodalists for each of the following works:

1. Attending the funeral of a Sodalist, or any

Christian burial performed with the rites of the Church.

2. Praying for the recovery or for the happy death of those who lie dangerously ill; or for the repose of the souls of those who are deceased.

3. Attending Mass on week-days.

4. Examination of conscience before going to bed.

5. Visiting the sick, and those who are in prison.

6. Reconciling enemies.

The Sodalists, in any part of the world, may gain all the preceding Indulgences by performing what is prescribed, either in the church of the place in which they reside, or elsewhere as circumstances may permit.

All the preceding Indulgences are applicable to the souls in Purgatory.

The Altar of the Sodality is privileged for deceased sodalists only.

FORMULA OF RECEPTION

INTO THE

Sodality of the Blessed Virgin.

Secretary. Let those who are to be promoted to the degree of Sodalist come forward. (*The candidates form in line before the Rev. Director.*)

Secretary. Respected Father and worthy Prefect, the postulants here present beg admission into the Sodality of the Blessed Virgin Mary. During their probation their conduct has been edifying, and the Sodality is willing that they should be received.

Rev. Director. If so, let their names be read.

(*The names are here read.*)

Rev. Director. Pious and beloved friends, as you are now to be promoted to the holy degree of Sodalist, whereby you will enjoy all the spiritual advantages granted by the Holy Apostolic See, it is meet that your dispositions should be

manifested to us. You will, therefore, answer candidly the questions which our secretary will propose to you.

Secretary. The Sodality asks whether you are disposed to cherish with special devotion the Blessed Virgin Mary and our holy Patron, St. ——?

Postulants. Yes; we desire it most earnestly.

Secretary. The Sodality asks whether you are resolved to observe faithfully all its rules and regulations?

Postulants. Yes; we are resolved.

Secretary. The Sodality asks whether you desire, to the best of your ability and in accordance with the spirit of our society, to promote by word and example the glory of God and a tender devotion towards the Blessed Virgin Mary?

Postulants. Yes; we desire it most earnestly.

Rev. Director. Since you are resolved to be faithful members of the Sodality, you will now, after we have asked the assistance of the Holy Spirit, be allowed to recite the Act of Consecration of yourselves to God and His holy Mother.

(*Here the hymn to the Holy Ghost and the proper antiphon of the Blessed Virgin Mary are sung.*)

Act of Consecration.

(*Which secretary reads, and all repeat after him.*)

Holy Mary, immaculate Virgin, Mother of God, I, ——, choose thee this day for my Mother, Queen, Patroness, and Advocate, and I firmly resolve never to depart, either in word or action, from the duty which I owe to thee, nor to suffer those who are committed to my charge to say or do anything against thy honor, and the respect which thou deservest. Receive me, therefore, as thy devoted servant forever, assist me in all the actions of my life, and forsake me not at the hour of my death. Amen.

(*Here the Rev. Director invests each candidate with the badge and medal of the Sodality. He then proceeds.*)

Rev. Director. Giving thanks to the God three times Holy, for what He has done on this day to the glory of His Holy Name, and the honor of His Blessed Mother, and for the increase of His holy Sodality, we, its Director and Prefect, by the authority which has been granted to us, receive you into this our Sodality, duly erected in

———, under the title of the ——— of the Blessed Virgin Mary, and the patronage of St. ———, and confirmed by Pope ———; and we admit you to a share of all the good works, spiritual favors, indulgences, and privileges which have been granted to its members by the Holy Apostolic See, in the name of the most august Trinity, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost. Amen.

A hymn of thanksgiving is then sung.

MANUAL

OF THE

SACRED HEART.

CONFRATERNITY

OF THE

SACRED HEART OF JESUS.

GOD, in His watchful care of His kingdom on earth, has at all times provided the best defence against the attacks of its enemies. And since in these days the great evil is the corruption of the human heart, and the consequent coldness, indifference, and ingratitude towards God which this corruption gradually produces, the providence of God gives us the Divine Heart of Jesus as a safeguard and a defence, a place of refuge, an armory from which we can furnish our hearts with the weapons which will give us a complete victory.

OBJECT.

The object of this Confraternity is to promote the beautiful and consoling devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus, to manifest the treasures of this Divine Heart to pious souls, and to aid in the conversion of sinners.

MEETINGS.

The regular meeting of the Sodality will be on the first Sunday of each month, when the Office of the Sacred Heart will be said, and instruction will be given, the promoters' reports received, and new members admitted.

MONTHLY ALMS.

The members will give a small monthly alms to such religious or charitable work as the Rev. Director may suggest.

MASSES.

A Mass of Exposition in honor of the Sacred Heart will be said for the members on the first

Friday of each month. After the Mass, the Benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament will be given. A Plenary Indulgence may be gained by the members who receive at this Mass.

The Holy Sacrifice of the Mass is also offered once a week for all the members.

A Mass is said for each member who dies.

INDULGENCES.

In the Convent of the Visitation, at Paray la Monial, in France, our Lord and Saviour, in the 17th century, made known His will to a holy nun, now beatified, Margaret Mary Alacoque, that the devotion and festival of His Most Sacred Heart should be instituted and propagated in the Church.

Under the pontificate of Pius VII. the Confraternity of the Sacred Heart of Jesus, to accomplish these ends, was established in Rome, in the Church of St. Maria, in Capella, and then canonically transferred to that of St. Maria de Pace. It was endowed with many Indulgences, and permitted to aggregate to itself other societies beyond the Eternal City, and communicate to them its privileges.

This Sodality having been aggregated to the Arch-Confraternity of the Sacred Heart and Association of the Apostleship of Prayer established at Rome in

the Church of Santa Maria della Pace, the members can gain the following Indulgences:—

SUMMARY OF INDULGENCES GRANTED TO THE CONFRATERNITY OF THE SACRED HEART OF JESUS, BY THE SUPREME PONTIFF, APPLICABLE TO THE SOULS IN PURGATORY:

Plenary Indulgences.

I. On the day of admission into the Sodality.

II. On the Feast of the Sacred Heart, Friday after Corpus Christi, or on the following Sunday.

III. On the first Friday, or the first Sunday, of each month.

IV. On a day in each month, at the choice of the members; and on another day in the month, likewise at their choice, provided they say, three times, "*Glory be to the Father*," etc., in the morning, at night, and during the day, in thanksgiving for favors granted to the Blessed Virgin Mary.

V. At the moment of death; on condition that they invoke, with contrition, the holy name of Jesus interiorly, if they cannot utter it with their lips.

VI. On the Feasts of Christmas, Holy Thursday, Easter, Ascension.

VII. On the Feasts of the Immaculate Concep-

tion, Nativity, Annunciation, Purification, Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

VIII. On the Feasts of All Saints, All Souls, St. Peter and St. Paul, St. Joseph, St. John the Evangelist.

IX. On the six Fridays, or the six Sundays, which immediately precede the Feast of the Sacred Heart.

X. On the Feast of St. Gregory the Great (twelfth of March).

Partial Indulgences.

I. An Indulgence of thirty years and thirty periods of forty days, on the three days after Christmas; on the Feasts of the Circumcision and Epiphany; on the Sundays of Septuagesima, Sexagesima, Quinquagesima; on Good Friday and Holy Saturday; on each day of the Octave of Easter; on Low Sunday, the Feast of St. Mark, the Rogation Days; on Pentecost, and each day of the Octave.

II. An Indulgence of twenty-five years and twenty-five periods of forty days, on Palm Sunday.

III. An Indulgence of fifteen years and fifteen periods of forty days, on Ash Wednesday, the fourth Sunday of Lent, the third Sunday of Advent, the Eve of Christmas, and the midnight and dawn Mass of this festival.

IV. An Indulgence of ten years and ten periods of forty days on the first, the second, and the fourth Sunday of Advent; on all the days of Lent, exclusive of those above mentioned; on the Eve of Pentecost, and Ember Days of each season.

V. An Indulgence of seven years and seven periods of forty days on the Feasts of the Visitation and the Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary; on the Feasts of the Apostles not already named.

VI. The same Indulgence on each of the nine days which precede the Feast of the Sacred Heart of Jesus.

VII. An Indulgence of seven years and seven periods of forty days on the four Sundays which immediately precede the Feast of the Sacred Heart.

VIII. The same Indulgence every time that the members visit a church, or oratory, where an image of the Sacred Heart of Jesus is exposed to public veneration, and, with a contrite heart, say some prayers according to the intention of the Sovereign Pontiff.

IX. An Indulgence of three hundred days, every day that the members say three times a day, morning, noon, and night, "*Glory be to the Father*," etc., in thanks for the favors granted to the Blessed Virgin Mary, and of one hundred days as often as this doxology is said by persons in the habit of repeating it every day.

X. An Indulgence of sixty days for every work of piety which the members of the Confraternity perform.

Conditions imposed to obtain the Indulgences.

1. To obtain the aforesaid Indulgences, plenary and partial, the members must have their names inscribed on the Register of the Confraternity, and say every day, once, the *Our Father*, the *Hail Mary*, and the *Creed*, with the following ejaculations: "*Amiable Heart of Jesus let me love you more and more every day.*"

2. To gain the Plenary Indulgences they must go to Confession and Communion, and pray according to the intention of the Sovereign Pontiff.

3. To gain the Plenary Indulgences, Numbers VI. and VII., and the Partial Indulgences, excepting Numbers VIII. and IX., they must visit a church or chapel of teh Confraternity, or (when they are hindered from doing this) perform some work of piety, enjoined by the Confessor, not as a sacramental penance, but as a condition of the Indulgence.

It is recommended to the members of the Confraternity —

I. To receive Communion on the Feast of the Sacred Heart; on the first Friday of every month; on every Friday, if convenient; on the days when

the Plenary Indulgences enumerated above can be gained.

II. To offer up two Communions in the course of the year, one for the living, the other for the deceased members of the Sodality.

III. To honor in all things the Sacred Heart of Jesus, by *interior acts* of faith, adoration, love, confidence, gratitude, etc.; *by exterior acts*, viz.: of prayers, Confession, and Communions, visits to the Blessed Sacrament, novenas, alms, penances, self-denial, etc.

OFFICE OF THE SACRED HEART OF JESUS.

Matins.

OUR Father, etc. Hail Mary, etc.

V. Open my lips, O Lord.

R. And my mouth shall declare Thy praise.

V. O God, come to my aid.

R. O Lord, make haste to help me.

Glory be to the Father, etc.

From all eternity the Heart of Jesus hath loved us; come, let us adore it.

Hymn.

SWEET Jesus, may Thy Sacred Heart
My hope and refuge be;
There may I learn the heavenly art
Of living but for Thee.

This fountain of Thy Sacred Heart,
The source of love most pure,
To those who dwell from sin apart
Affords a refuge sure.

Anthem.

Come to me, all you who labor and are heavy burdened, and I will refresh you. Take up my yoke, and learn of me, for I am meek and humble of heart.

V. I will make an everlasting covenant with my people.

R. I will unceasingly load them with blessings.

V. Lord, hear my prayer.

R. And let my cry come unto Thee.

Prayer.

Grant, O my Jesus, that in honoring Thy Sacred Heart we may learn to practise meekness and humility, obtain the peace Thou hast promised, and find rest to our souls. We beg of Thee this grace; who livest and reignest with the Father and the Holy Ghost, world without end. Amen.

V. Lord, hear my prayer.

R. And let my cry ascend to Thy Divine Heart.

V. Let us bless the Lord.

R. Thanks be to God.

May the souls of the faithful departed through the mercy of God, rest in peace Amen.

Lauds.

V. O God, come to my aid.

R. O Lord, make haste to help me.

Glory be to the Father, etc.

THY Heart with heavenly love's pure glow
Cleanseth our sins away;
Sweet Lord, Thy gifts Thou dost bestow
Upon us day by day.

Alas! how cold we are to Thee,
Though to thy Heart so dear;
From Thy kind gifts how oft we flee,
Nor heed Thy loving care!

Anthem.

Our Lord, in the excess of His love and mercy, has redeemed us by the ignominious death of the cross.

V. Taste, and see how sweet is the Lord.

R. Happy those who bear His yoke from their early infancy.

V. Lord, hear my prayer.

Prayer: Grant, O my Jesus, *as at Matins.*

Prime.

V. O God, come to my aid.

R. Lord, make haste to help me.

Glory be to the Father, etc.

WITHIN that Sacred Heart's pure shrine
To the Most High doth plead
Ever for us the Word Divine,
In all our earthly need.

And day by day the Lamb is slain:
The Lord of heaven above
On lowly altars doth remain,
The Victim of His love.

Anthem.

My delight is to be with the children of men. Happy those who keep my Commandments.

V. How good and merciful is the Heart of Jesus!

R. How sweet it is to us to love and celebrate His mercies.

V. Lord, Hear my prayer.

Prayer: Grant, O my Jesus, *as at Matins.*

Tierce.

V. O God, come to my aid.

R. Lord, make haste to help me.

Glory be to the Father, etc.

THE lance that pierced our Saviour's side
Reveal'd a source of grace;
O then rejoice! for that pure tide
Can all thy sins efface.

God calls us to His mercy's fount;
Sweetly our love he claims,
Nor speaks, as once on Sinai's mount,
In thunder and in flames.

V. Jesus having loved His own,

R. He loved them unto the end.

V. Lord, hear my prayer.

Prayer: Grant, O my Jesus, *as at Matins.*

Sext.

V. O God, come to my aid.
R. Lord, make haste to help me.
Glory be to the Father, etc.

O HEART, of every grace the source,
Of all God's gifts the best;
Unto the sinner strength and force,
Refreshment, hope, and rest.

Sinner, arise! Ah, how cans't thou
So cold and tepid be?
Justice gives place to mercy now,
When Jesus pleads for thee.

Anthem.

I have planted thee for my most beautiful vineyard, and thou hast proved very bitter to me.

V. I have watched over my chosen ones; I have loaded them with blessings.

R. And they have despised me.

V. Lord, hear my prayer.

Prayer: Grant, O my Jesus, *as at Matins.*

None.

V. O God, come to my aid.
R. Lord, make haste to help me.
Glory be to the Father, etc.

Wisdom divine doth ever dwell
Within Thy Sacred Heart;
The waters, then, of that pure well,
Sweet Lord, to us impart.

Great Fount of Truth, our souls inspire,
Each erring thought reclaim;
Sweet source of mercy, with Thy fire
Do Thou our hearts inflame.

Anthem.

Those who seek me shall find me. If any one love me, I will love him, and will manifest myself to him.

V. O my soul, bless the Lord.

R. And never forget the graces with which He has filled thee.

V. Lord, hear my prayer.

Prayer: Grant, O my Jesus, *as at Matins.*

Vespers.

V. O God, come to my aid.
R. Lord, make haste to help me.
Glory be to the Father, etc.

O Sacred Heart, sweet source from whence
A stream of life e'er flows;
The weary soul may draw from thence
Refreshment and repose.

Here may we find a spot secure
From sin and vain alarm;
Here may we taste forevermore
Thy love's consoling balm.

Anthem.

You shall draw waters with joy from the fountains of the Saviour. Sing hymns to the Lord, because He has shown forth His greatness. Proclaim His magnificence throughout the world.

V. You who are my disciples, will you also abandon me?

R. Lord, to whom shall we go? Thou hast the words of eternal life.

V. Lord, hear my prayer.
Prayer: Grant, O my Jesus, *as at Matins.*

Complin.

V. Convert us, O God, our Saviour.
R. And turn away Thy anger from us.

O HEART of Jesus, may we feel
Thy pure consuming fire;
Kindle in us Thy ardent zeal,
Be Thou our soul's desire.

Absorb, dear Lord, our hearts in Thine,
Let us with Thee remain;
Nor ever may our souls incline
To earth's vain joys again.

Anthem.

I live, now not I, but Christ liveth in me. He has loved me, and delivered Himself to death for me.

V. Come to me, all you who love me.
R. And I will enrich you with my blessings.
V. Lord, hear my prayer.
Prayer: Grant, O my Jesus, *as at Matins.*

DEVOTIONS FOR THE SODALITY OF THE SACRED HEART OF JESUS.

Litany.

LORD have mercy upon us: *Lord have mercy upon us.*

Christ have mercy upon us: *Christ have mercy upon us.*

Lord have mercy upon us: *Lord have mercy upon us.*

Christ hear us: *Christ graciously hear us.*

God the Father of heaven,
God the Son, Redeemer of the world,
God the Holy Ghost,
Holy Trinity, one God,
Heart of Jesus, hypostatically united to the Eternal Word,
Heart of Jesus, Sanctuary of the Divinity,
Heart of Jesus, Tabernacle of the Most Holy Trinity,
Heart of Jesus, Temple of all Sanctity,
Heart of Jesus, Fountain of all Grace,
Heart of Jesus, most meek,
Heart of Jesus, most humble,
Heart of Jesus, most obedient,

Have mercy on us.

Heart of Jesus, most chaste,
Heart of Jesus, furnace of Divine Love,
Heart of Jesus, Source of contrition,
Heart of Jesus, Abyss of wisdom,
Heart of Jesus, Ocean of goodness,
Heart of Jesus, Throne of mercy,
Heart of Jesus, Model of all virtues,
Heart of Jesus, sorrowful in the garden unto death,
Heart of Jesus, filled with reproaches,
Heart of Jesus, broken for our sins,
Heart of Jesus, made obedient even unto death upon the cross,
Heart of Jesus, pierced by a lance,
Heart of Jesus, Refuge of sinners,
Heart of Jesus, Strength of the weak,
Heart of Jesus, Comfort of the afflicted,
Heart of Jesus, Support of the tempted,
Heart of Jesus, Perseverance of the just,
Heart of Jesus, Hope of the dying,
Heart of Jesus, Joy of the blessed,
Heart of Jesus, Delight of all saints,

Have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, who takest away the sins of the world, *Spare us, O Jesus.*

Lamb of God, who takest away the sins of the world, *Graciously hear us, O Jesus.*

Lamb of God, who takest away the sins of the world, *Have mercy upon us, O Jesus.*

V. O most Sacred Heart of Jesus, have mercy upon us.

R. That we may worthily love Thee with our whole hearts.

Let us pray.

Grant, we beseech Thee, Almighty God, that we who glorify the most Sacred Heart of Thy beloved Son, and commemorate the principal benefits which His love hath bestowed upon us, may both delight in so doing, and may enjoy the fruits thereof; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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